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PREFABRICATED HOUSES TO BE CONSTRUCTED

COTTON MILLS TO BUILD HOMES -- L'ud, No 75, 30 Mar 49

The Slovak Cotton Mills in Ruzomberok planned to build 423 dwelling units at their factories under the Two-Year Plan. Due to shortage of materials, lack of workers, and low working morale, this number of houses was not built. The largest drop in construction came at harvest time. Most workers failed to return after the harvest, and others moved to industrial work.

All the social conveniences are considered in the buildings produced by the Cotton Mills. All buildings have plumbing, and central heating. These mills have been permitted to construct 16 dwelling units in 1949 under the Five-Year Plan, and for 1949-50, 54 units may be built. The work is to begin in the spring.

MASS-PRODUCTION METHODS -- Svobodnoe Slovo, No 78, 2 Apr 49

The Czechoslovak Construction Factories in Ostrava have built 20 prefabricated houses and plan to build more by mass production. This is part of a plan for these factories to house their own workers. These new-type houses are for 22 persons, with a separate washroom, a drying room for wet clothing and shoes, a common social room, and a separate bedroom. The houses, which can be erected in one day by two experts and four helpers, will replace unhealthful barracks.

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